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In re Application of

Yutaka NANNO et al.

Serial No.: 10/018,795

Group Art Unit: 2811

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Examiner: Shouxiang Hu

For: THIN FILM TRANSISTOR AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THEREOF
AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE UTILIZING THE SAME

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And and
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-17) in this application.

However, applicants traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-20 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Search and examination of the entire application could be made without

serious burden. See MPEP §803 which clearly states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,
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